



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Briefing prepared for ...

Joint Executive Council for Veterans Affairs

March 4, 2015

Agenda



- Commissioner
 - NASDVA
 - Legislation
 - Women Veterans
 - 2015 Upcoming Events

NASDVA

National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs

- Update by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Bob McDonald
- Under Secretary Alison Hickey, Veterans Benefits Administration
- Presentations
 - Ohio – App for Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Tom Moe – WWI Commemoration
 - WWI began 100 years ago July 28, 1914
 - Four Year Commemoration
 - Charlene Hawkes – Vietnam 50th Anniversary
 - FREE Vietnam Book
 - 116,000 Vietnam Veterans in KY
 - Legislation – Veterans Choice Card
 - Clear up miscommunication/clarification
 - Jobs for Veterans State grant managed by DOL (DVOP/LVER)
 - Include State Dept. of Veterans Affairs

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Legislative Issues

HB 281 (military training in the medical field be applied toward nurse aide training course requirements) – received in Senate; passed the House.

HB 164 (create the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act encouraging private employers to hire vets) – received in Senate and assigned to Veterans Affairs Committee; passed the House. KDVA Commissioner Testified.

HB 352 (postsecondary education institutions to provide academic credit for military service and training) received in the Senate; passed the House. KDVA Commissioner Testified.

HB 115 (Korean Conflict to match the federal designation) – passed the House; received in Senate and assigned to Veterans Affairs committee. KDVA Commissioner Testified.

HB 468 (admin bodies that certify or license professionals in KY establish procedures to expedite the evaluation or acceptance of military training and experience towards licensure and certification) – 2nd reading in House but returned to House Veterans Affairs Committee

Legislative Issues

HB 497 (Disabled Veteran Owned Business) – introduced today in House Veterans Affairs committee. House and placed in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. Deputy Commissioner of KDVA Testified.

HB 395- Our reorg. bill and the establishment of the Radcliff Veterans Center. Passed the House and will be received in the Senate.

HB 209 – Gold Star Sibling Bill. Fees go to TF program. This bill was originally withdrawn in the House but resurrected and placed in the Transportation Committee. Passed the House and received in the Senate. Fees were initially to go to KDVA budget but changed to go to the TF.

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Women Veterans Program

- Creative Partnerships with
 - KY Grocers Association
 - American Heart Association of KY
 - Brain Alliance of KY
 - Churchill Downs
 - Kentucky Humanities Council
 - Military History Museum
 - Kentucky History Center
 - Louisville Bats Baseball
 - Lexington Legends Baseball
 - University of KY



Women Veterans Program

Monthly Messaging

- March: Women's History Month
 - Honoring a Legacy of Service in our Nursing Homes
 - March 1, 2015 – University of KY Women's Basketball Game
- April: Sexual Assault Month
 - April 11, 2015 – Women Veterans Conference
- May: Military Appreciation Month
 - April 30, 2015 - Thursday of Derby Week to Highlight Women Veterans
 - May 19, 2015 – Ky Military History Museum, “Star Spangled Hearts: Women of WWII”
 - May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day – Women in Service
- June: National TBI/Aphasia Month
 - Partner with the Brain Alliance of KY
- July: Celebrate America Month
 - July 8-12 Tentative Dates: Vietnam Moving Wall at Lexington Leestown VA



Women Veterans Program

- Statewide Women Veterans Conference
 - April 11, 2015 – Louisville, KY
 - Pre-Registration is now open and online at www.veterans.ky.gov at the top menu
 - 80/200 Women Veterans Capacity
 - 26 Vendors both Public & Private

Women Veteran Conference Registration Page

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Kentucky Women Veterans Unite! 2015 **KDVA Partners** Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference Pre-Register for Women Veterans Conference

Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations

Veterans Affairs / Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference

Women Veterans Unite! 2015 Conference



Join Us in Louisville April 11
Free Conference on Women Veterans in Kentucky

Tentative Schedule:

- 8:30-9:00 am – Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:10 am – Opening Remarks: KDVA Commissioner Heather French Henry
- 9:10-9:30 am – General Peggy Combs, Ft. Knox Base Commander ([Biography Here](#))

Date: April 11, 2015
8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Pre-Registration Required. Space Limited
Admission, including lunch, Free
Pre-Register Today!
For more information, call 502-564-9203

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Upcoming Events & News

- March 1, 2015 – Lexington, KY: UK Women's Basketball Game
- March 2, 2015 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Flowers for Women Veteran Residents/ Story Boards
- March 6, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Ladies Spotlight/ FFA Distributes Letters for Women Veteran Residents
- March 6, 2016 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Spa Day for Women Veteran Residents
- March 10, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Spa Day for Women Veterans Residents
- March 11, 2015 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Luncheon for Women Veteran Residents
- March 11, 2015 – EKVC Hazard, KY: Red Hat Ladies Honor the Women Veteran Residents
- March 11, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Ladies Lunch for the Women Veteran residents
- March 15, 2015 – EKVC Hazard, KY: Girl Scout Tea Party for he Women Veteran Residents
- March 17, 2015 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Special Visit Student Essay Winner
- March 18, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Ladies Craft Day for Women Veterans Residents

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- March 19, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Happy Video Filming
- March 19, 2015 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Sweets for the Women Veterans Residents
- March 25, 2015 – WKVC Hanson, KY: Reception to honor Women Veterans Residents
- March 25, 2015 – EKVC Hazard, KY: Hazard School Choir Performance for Women Veterans
- March 27, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Ladies Chat Cooking Group
- March 31, 2015 – THVC Wilmore, KY: Happy Video Presentation
- March 3, 2015 - Lexington, KY: WTVQ Interview
- March 5, 2015 – Lexington, KY: Discussions that Matter
- March 9, 2015 – Louisville, KY: Athena Sisters Meeting
- March 10, 2015 – Wilmore, KY: THVC Sap Day for Women Veterans
- March 17, 2015 – Lexington, KY: WLEX Interview
- March 18, 2015 – Richmond, KY: EKV Women Veterans Lunch
- April 11, 2015 – Louisville, KY: Women Veterans Conference
- April 15, 2015 – Donald Buzney Interview
- April 30, 2015 – Louisville, KY: Women Veterans Day at Churchill Downs

Upcoming Events & News

- May 16, 2015 – Honor Flight
- May 19, 2015 – Frankfort, KY: KY Military history Museum “Star Spangled Hearts: Women of World War II”
- May 25, 2015 – Radcliff, KY: Honoring our Fallen Women Veterans
- May 2015 – Lexington, KY: Lexington Legends Women Veterans Day
- June 2, 2015 – Somerset, KY: Chamber of Commerce
- June 5-7, 2015 – Honor Flight
- June 2015 – Louisville, KY: Louisville Bats Women Veterans Day
- July 8-12, 2015 – Lexington, KY: Vietnam Moving Wall: Honoring the Women on the Wall
- August 23 – 30, 2015 – Louisville, KY: KY State Fair
- September 25-26, 2015 – KY Veterans Hall of Fame
- October 2015 - TBA
- November 1, 2015 – Paintsville, KY: Veterans Telethon
- November 11, 2015 – Veterans Day
- November 18, 2015 – KY History Center